BLM'S Wind Energy Development Policy and Renewable Energy Assessment

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Administrative Incentives

- President's National Energy Policy
- BLM's National Energy Policy Implementation Plan
- DOI - DOE Conference on Renewable Energy
- WGA's Environmental Summit

Industry Incentives

- BLM Lands Have Significant Potential for Wind Energy Development
- Extension of Federal Wind Energy Production Tax Credit
- Variety of State-level Tax Credits
- States Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards

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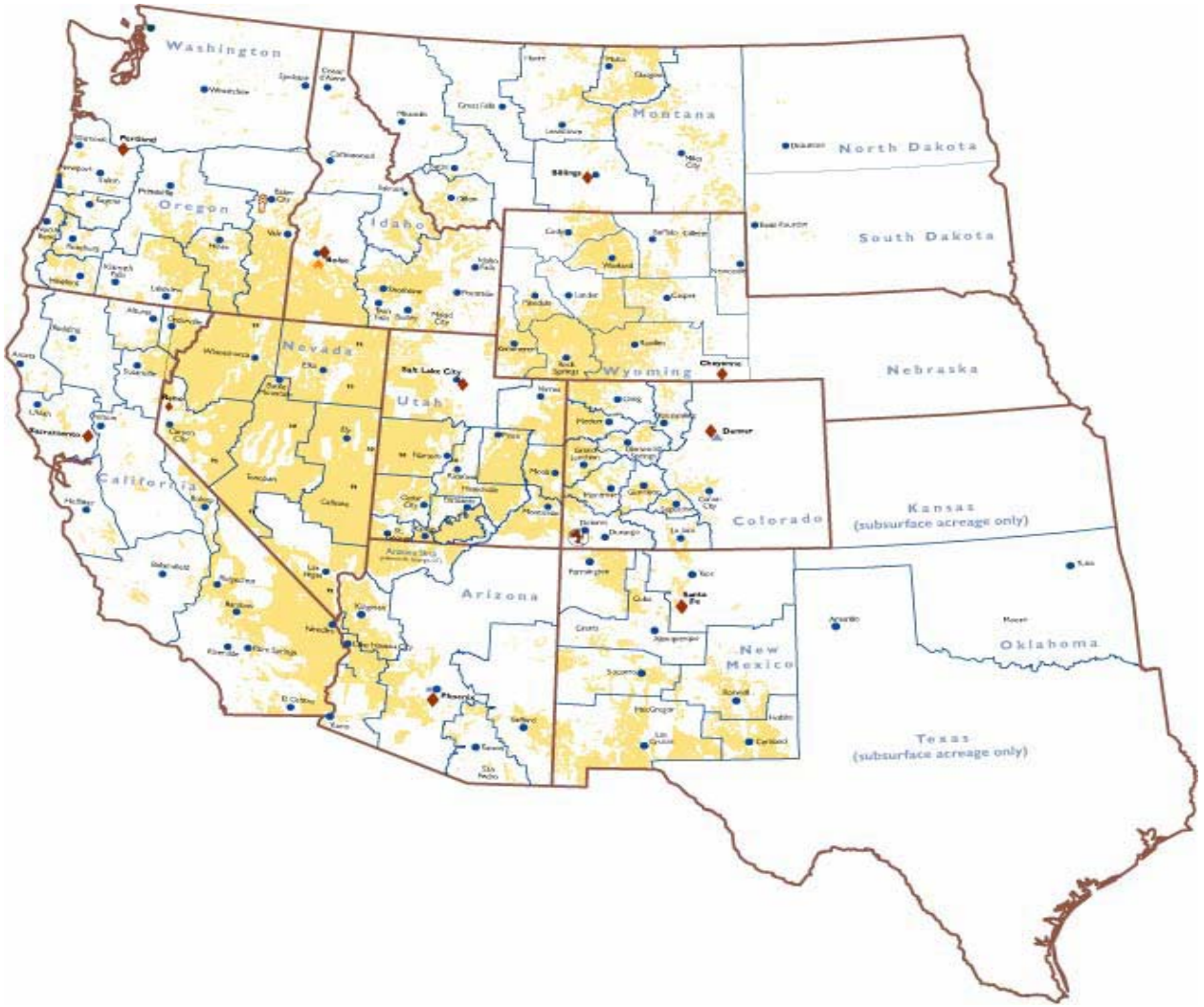
Inventory and Planning

- General Policy to Encourage Development of Wind Energy in Acceptable Areas
- When Land Use Plans Are Revised There Is Benefit to Address Renewable Resource Potential
- BLM and NREL Assessed Wind Energy on Public Lands

BLM Lands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Oregon
California
Idaho
Nevada
Montana
Wyoming
Utah
Colorado
Arizona
New Mexico
North Dakota
South Dakota
Nebraska
Kansas
(subsurface acreage only)
Oklahoma
Texas
(subsurface acreage only)

The Process

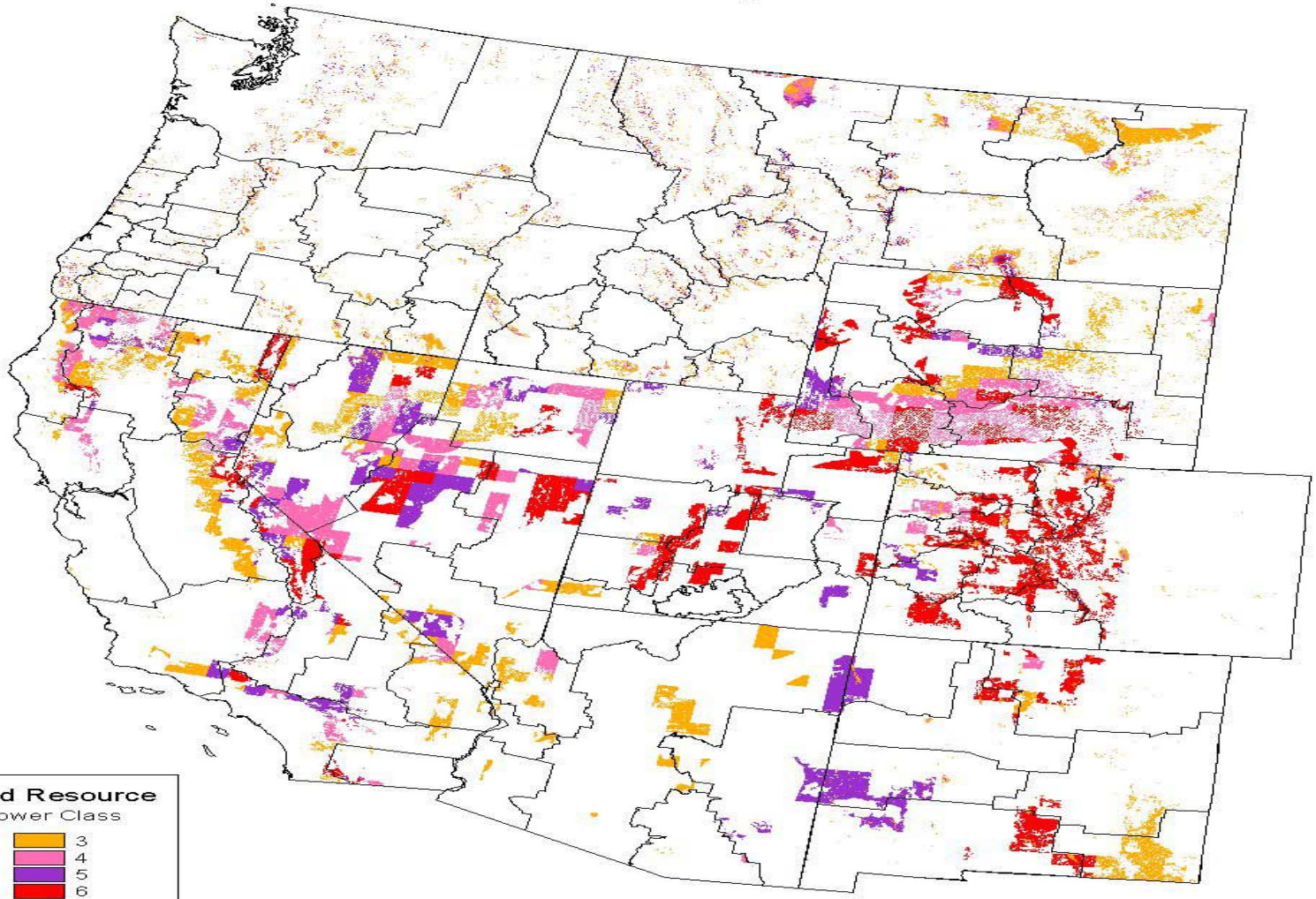
- GIS
- Screening
- Top picks for CSP, PV, wind, biomass
- Top picks for geothermal

Study Results

- 63 Planning Units – high potential for 1 or more renewable energy resources
- 20 Planning Units – high potential for 3 or more
- Also considered U.S. Forest Service and BIA Lands
- Did not address resources in Alaska
- Land use plans

NREL/BLM Renewable Resource Assessment Project

DOI Bureau of Indian Affairs, BLM, and USDA Forest Service Lands: Wind Resource Analysis Results



The lands shown meet the following criteria:

1) Wind resource >= power class 3
2) Within 25 miles of transmission 69-345 kv
3) Within 50 miles of major road
4) DOI Bureau of Indian Affairs, BLM or USDA Forest Service owned lands
5) BLM and USDA Forest Service compatible land use

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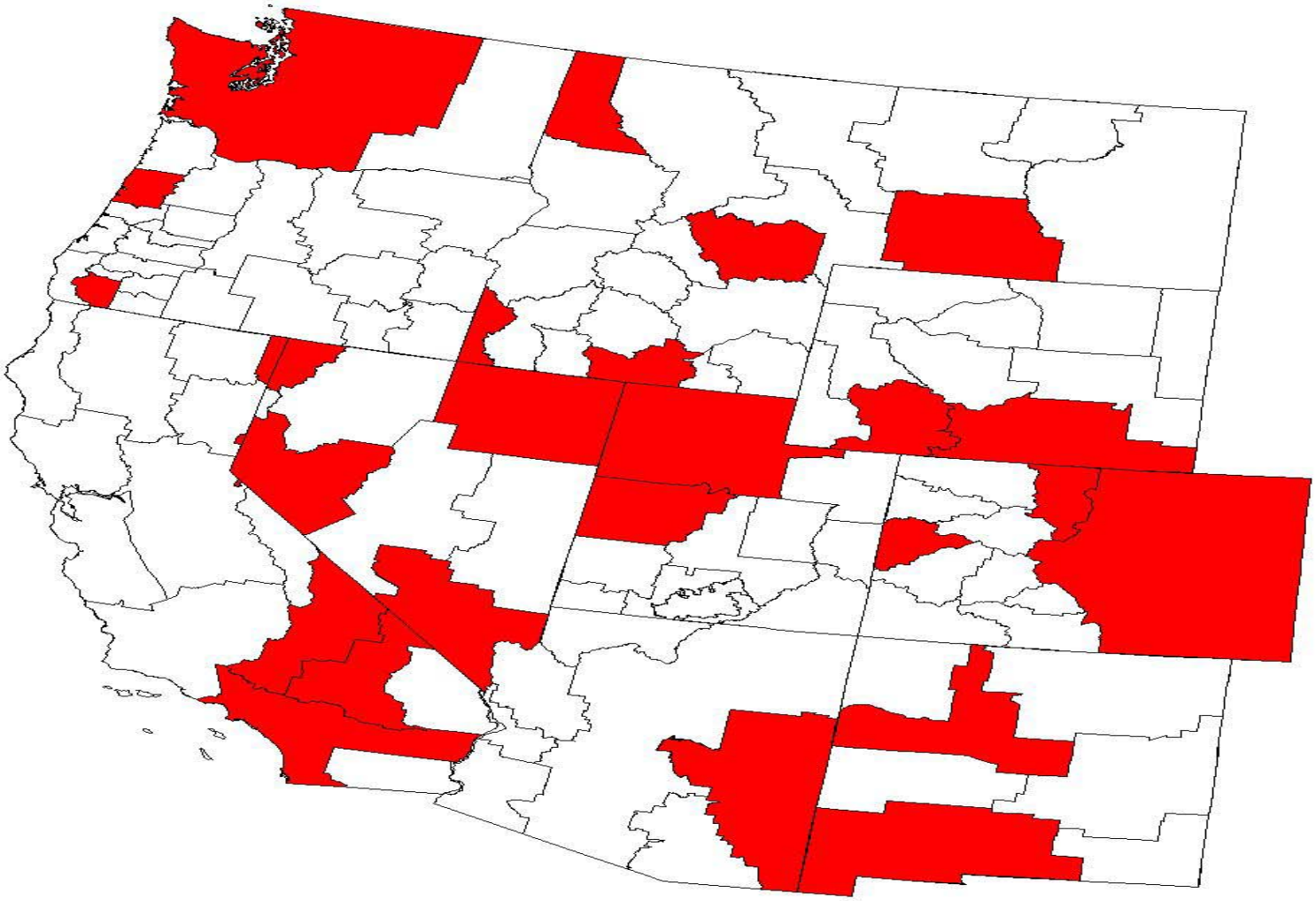
Wind: NREL/BLM Renewable Resource Assessment Project

25 Highest Potential Planning Units



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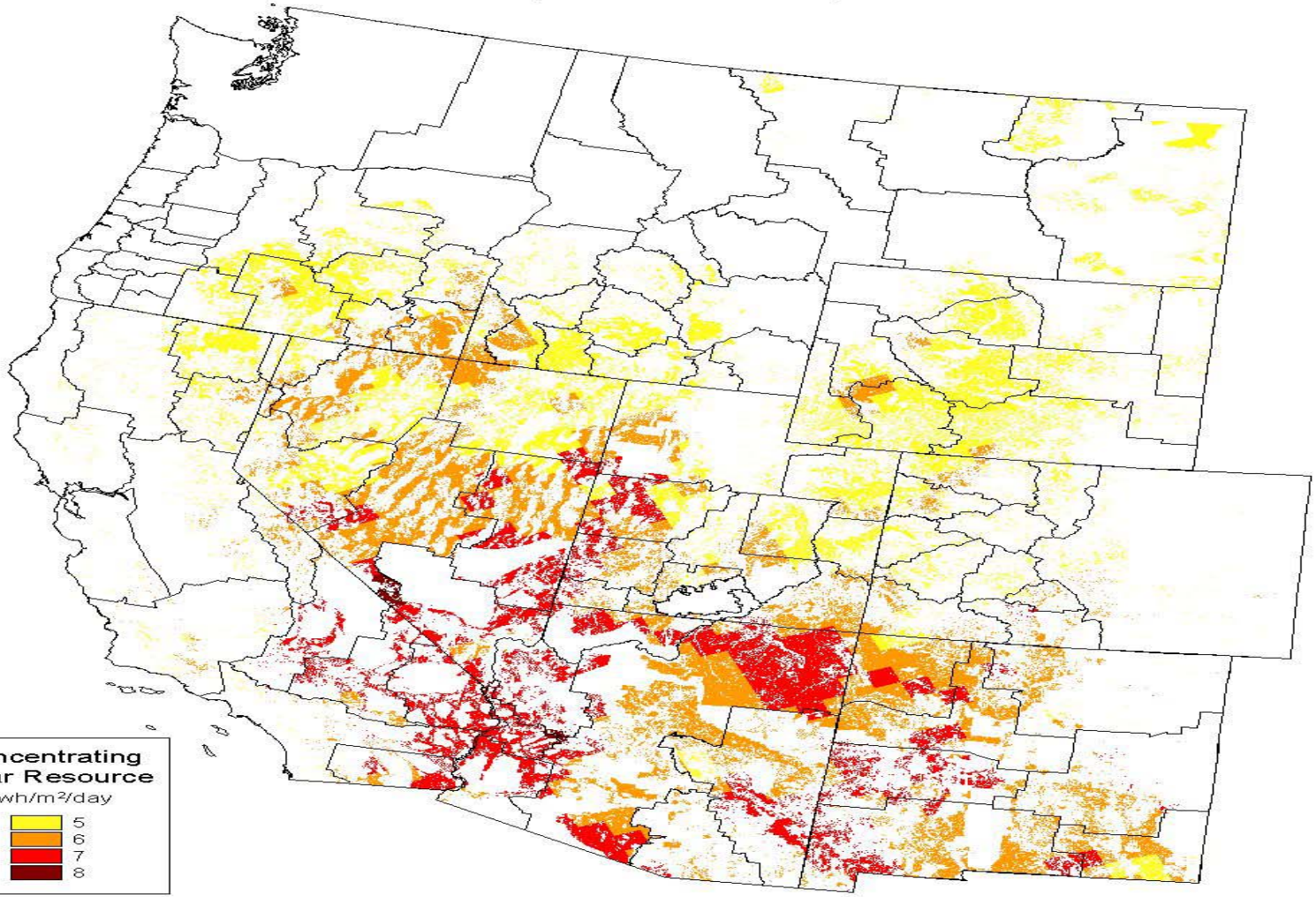

The lands shown meet the following criteria:

1) Minimum direct solar resource of 5 kwh/m²/day
2) Terrain slope <= 5%
3) Within 50 miles of transmission 115-345 kv
4) Within 50 miles of major road or railroad
5) Minimum parcel size of 40 acres (continuous)
6) DOI Bureau of Indian Affairs, BLM or USDA Forest Service owned lands
7) BLM and USDA Forest Service compatible land use

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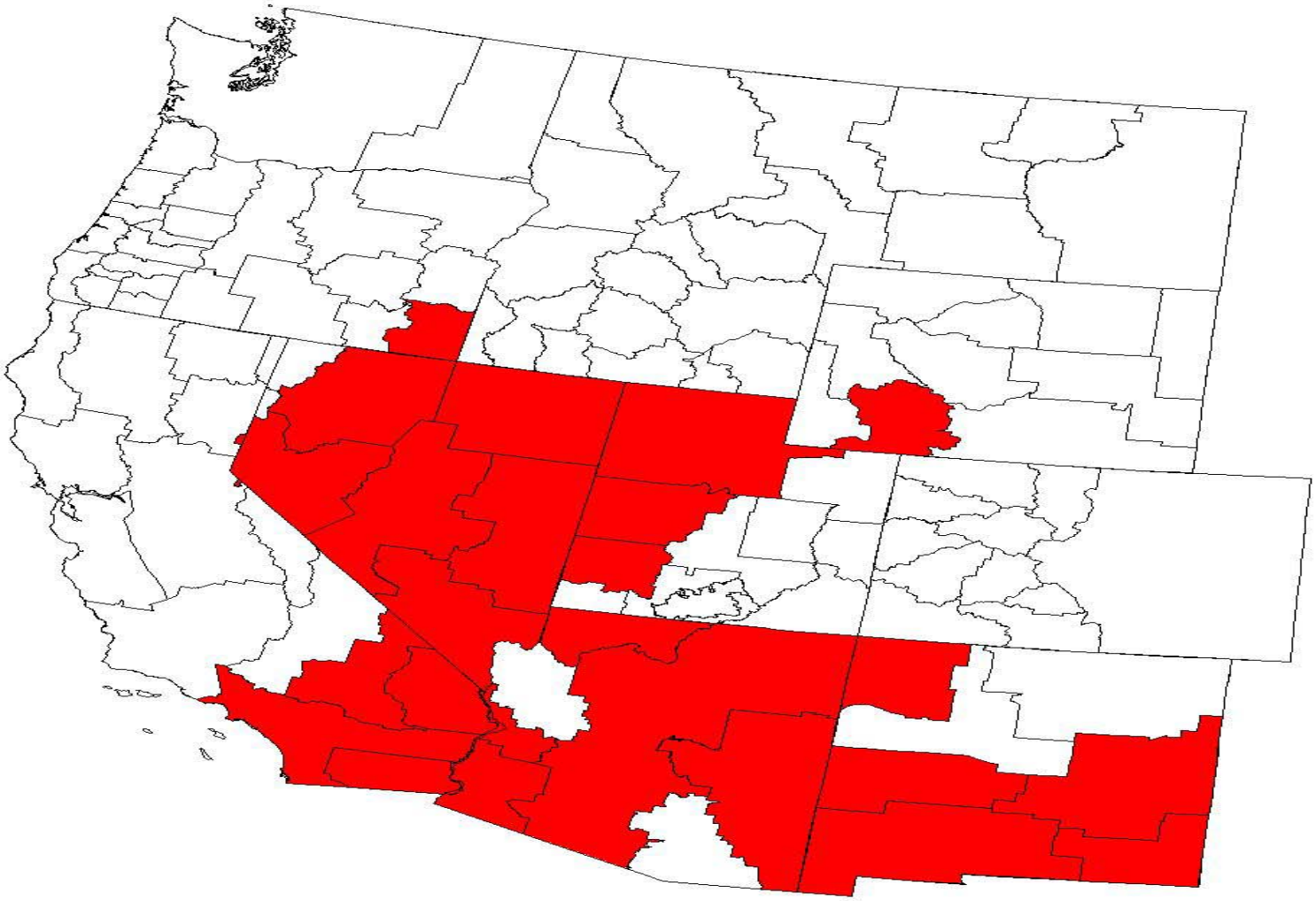

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PV: NREL/BLM Renewable Resource Assessment Project

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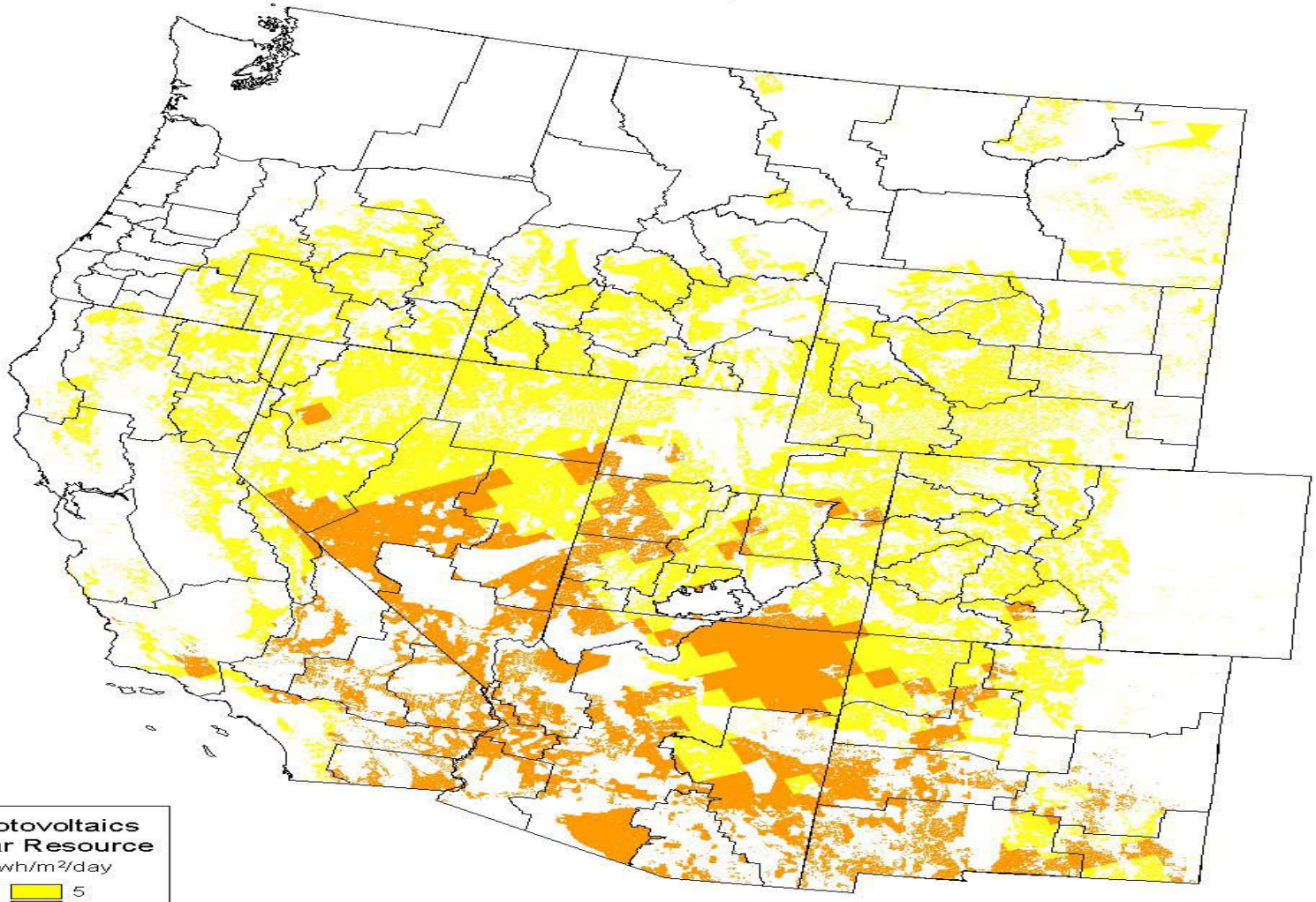

Photovoltaics Solar Resource

kwh/m²/day

- 5
- 6

The lands shown meet the following criteria:

1) Minimum tilt=latitude solar resource of 5 kwh/m²/day
2) Within 50 miles of transmission 115-345 kv
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4) BLM and USDA Forest Service compatible land use

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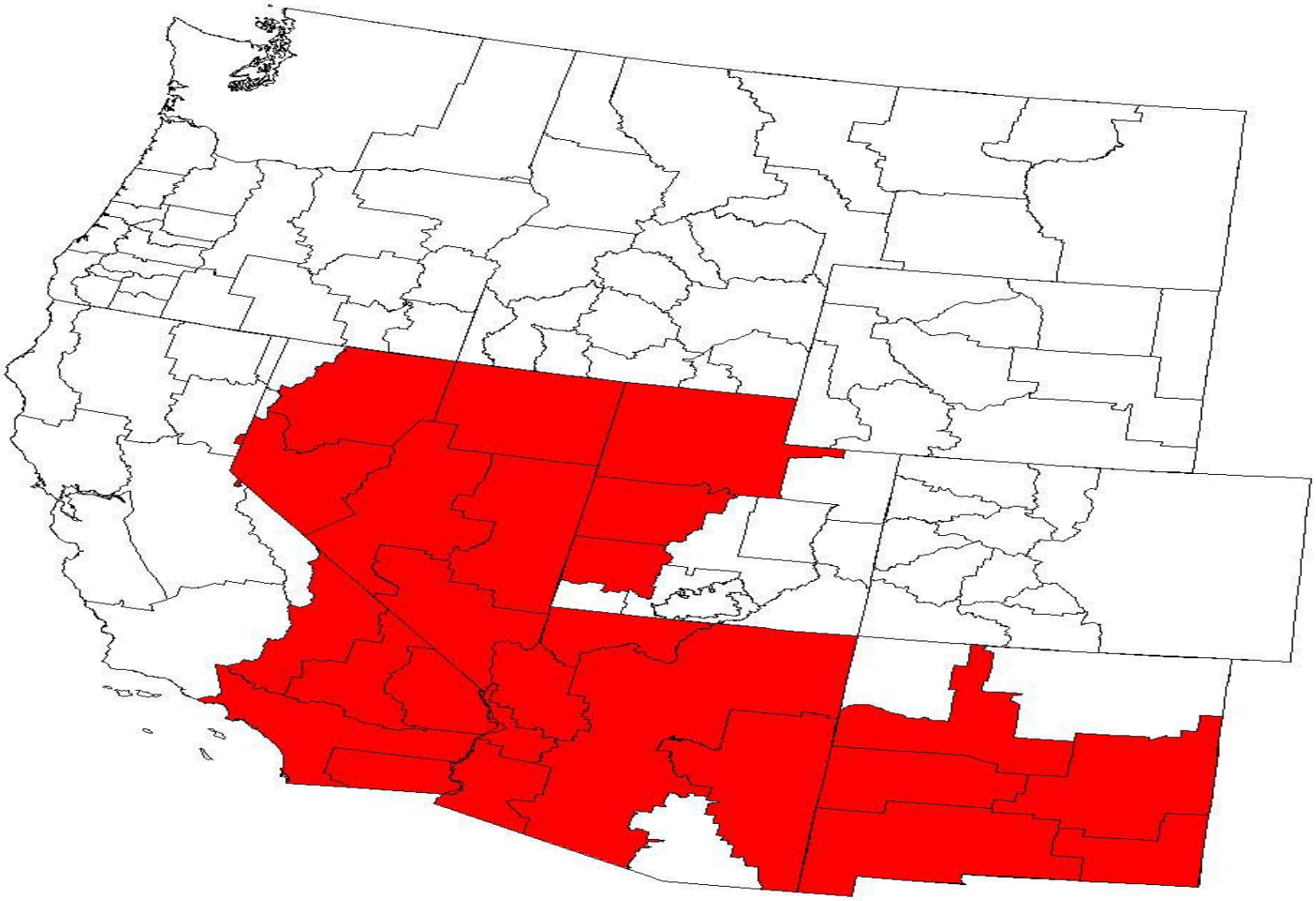

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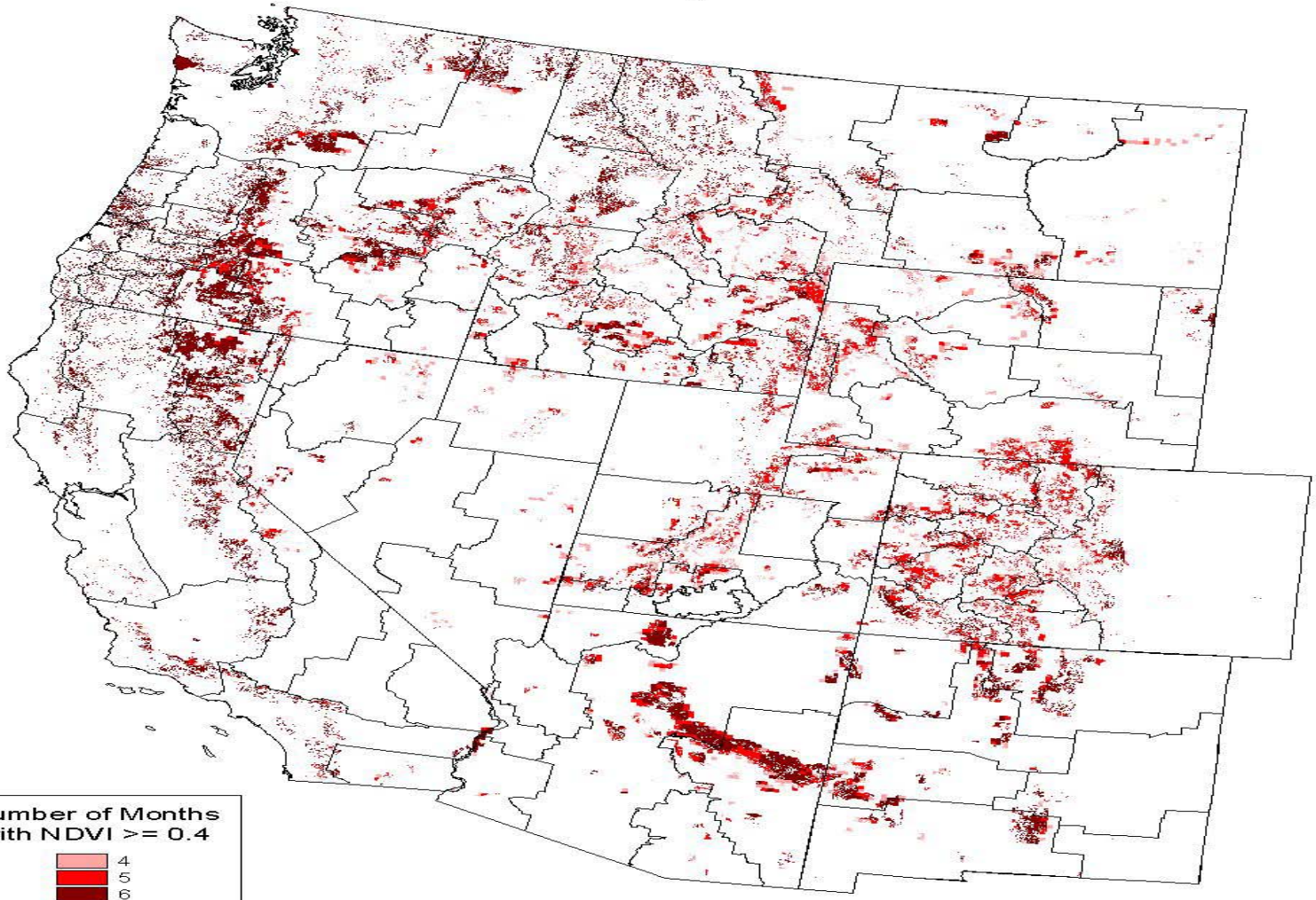

The lands shown meet the following criteria:

1) NDVI >= 0.4 at least 4 months between April and September 2000
2) Terrain slope <= 12%
3) Within 50 miles of town of 100 people
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5) BLM and USDA Forest Service compatible land use

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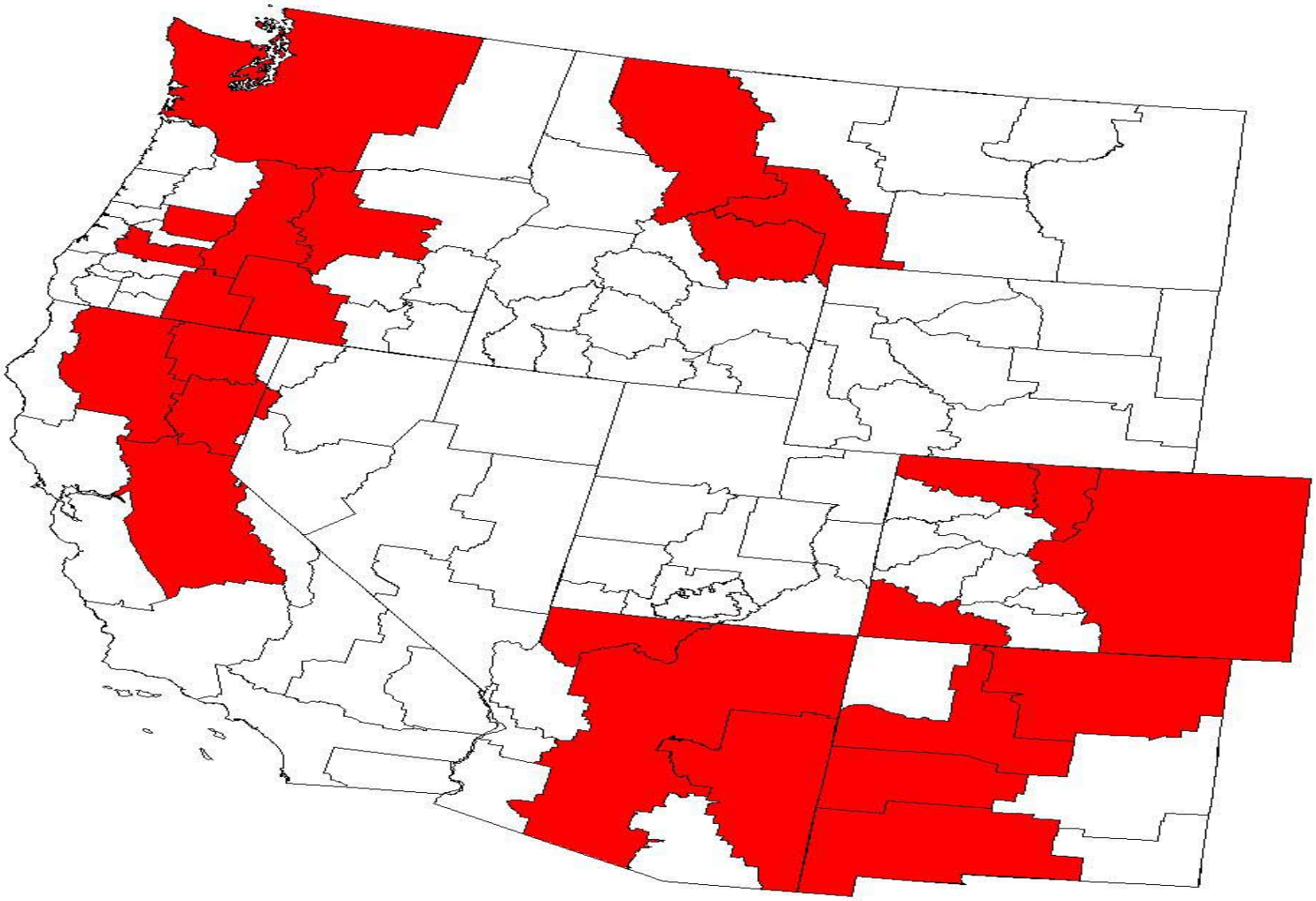

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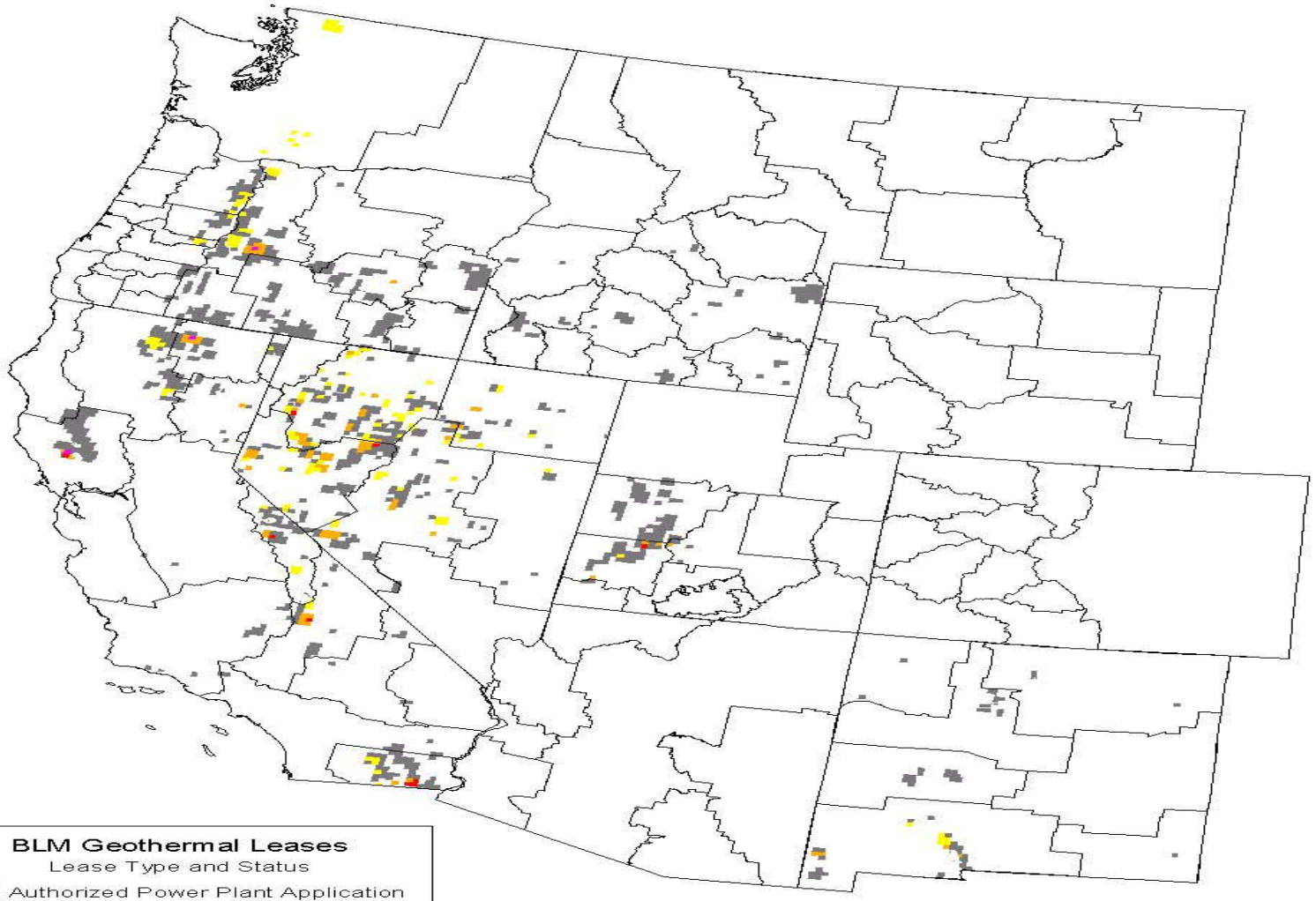
BLM Geothermal Lease Information (CA, ID, NM, NV, OR, UT and WA)



BLM Geothermal Leases

Lease Type and Status

- Authorized Power Plant Application
- Pending Power Plant Application
- Authorized Lease
- Pending Lease
- Expired Lease

This data is shown to the Township/Range level. The actual lease or application may occur in only a small portion of the area shown. When multiple lease types or status occur in the same parcel, only the 'highest' potential application is shown.

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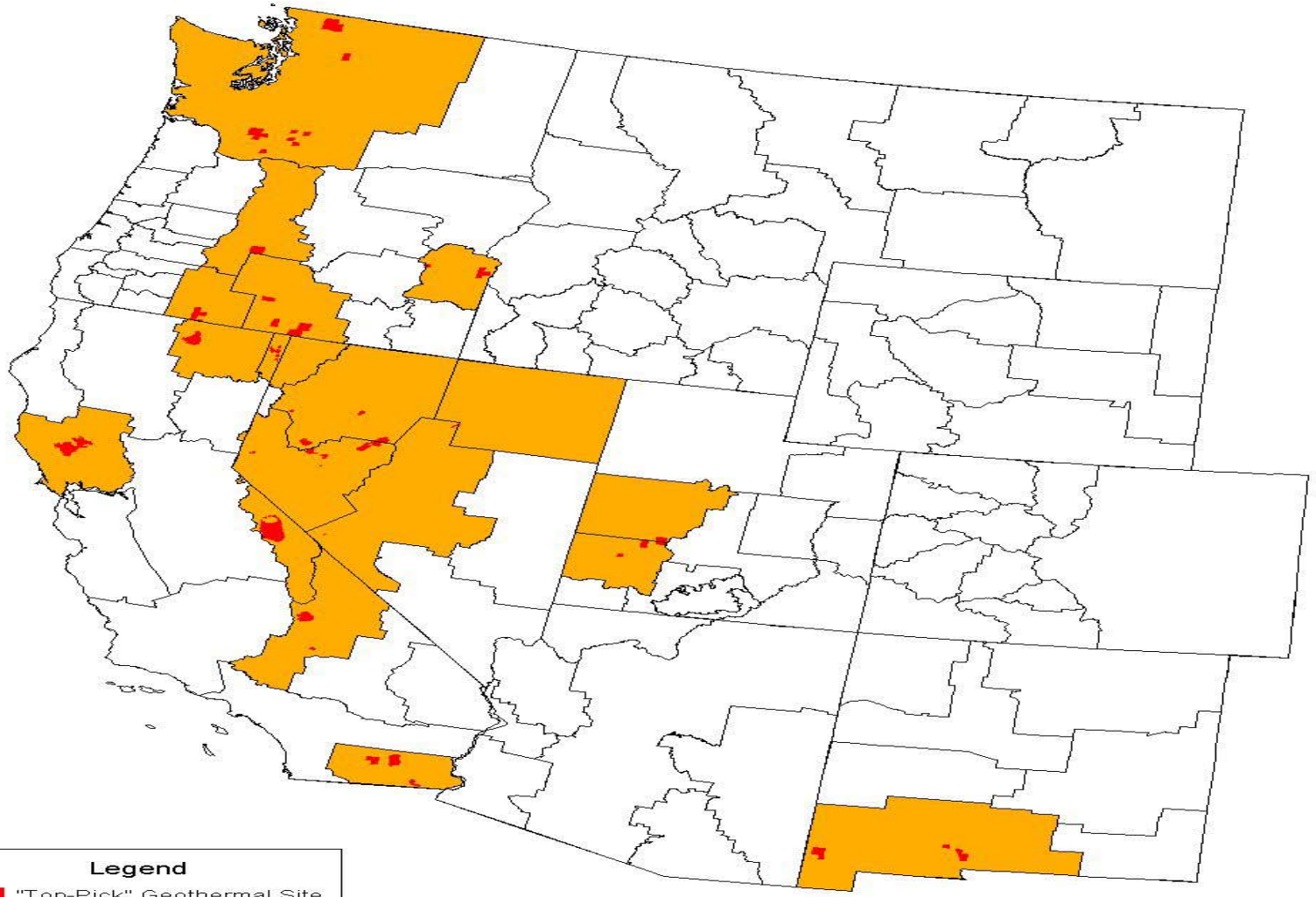
BLM Planning Units with "Top-Pick" Geothermal Sites



Legend

"Top-Pick" Geothermal Site
Selected Planning Unit

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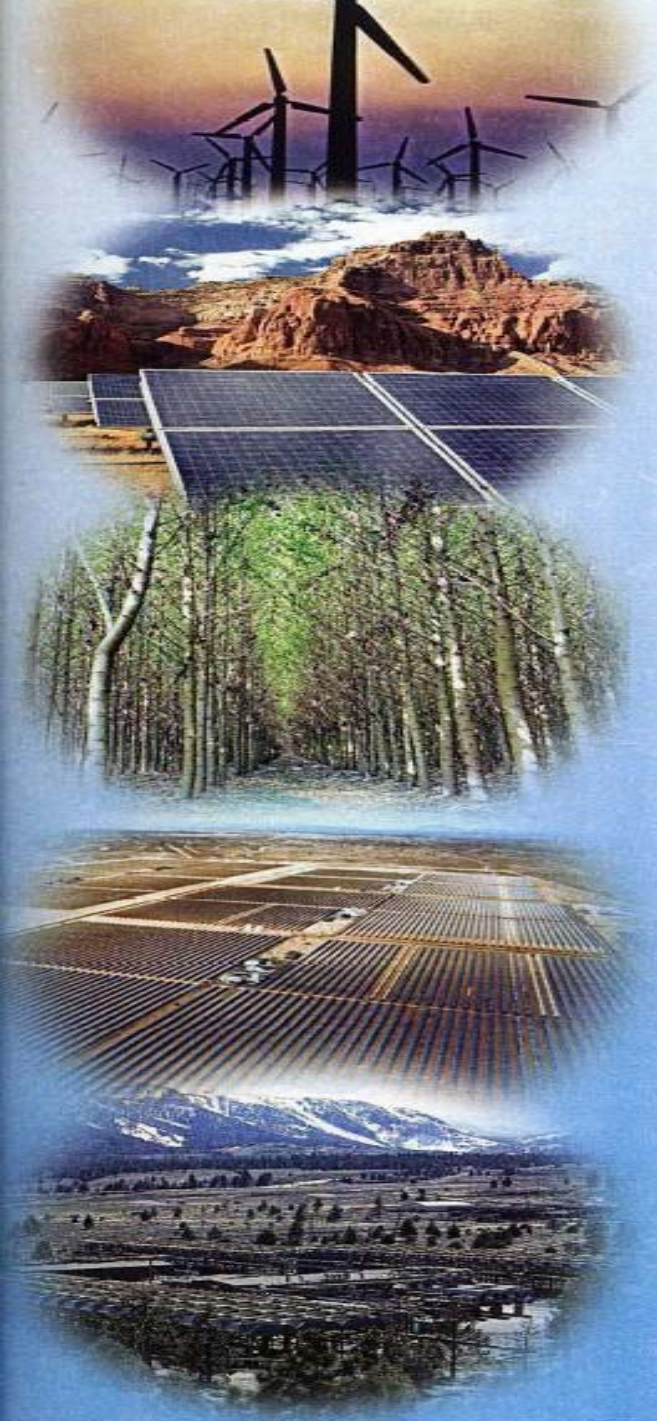

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Assessing The Potential For Renewable Energy On Public Lands

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Report Available

- www.blm.gov/nstc/RenewEnergy/index.html
- www.nrel.gov/docs/fy03osti/32077CD.zip

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General Provisions for all Grants

- All Applications and Authorizations Subject to Cost Recovery
- All Applications for Testing and Monitoring or for Development Projects Will Be Identified As High Priority Work
- All Applications Should Be Processed Within a 30 Day Timeframe

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Grant for Site Specific Wind Energy Testing/Monitoring

- Small Site Specific Meteorological Towers and Instrumentation
- $50 Per Year for Each Tower Site
- Limit to 3 Years

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Grant for Wind Energy Testing/Monitoring With Project Area

- $1000/year or $1/acre/year Whichever Is Greater
- Can Be Extended Beyond 3 Years
- Grant Holder Must Submit Plan of Development (POD) for BLM Review, Analysis and Separate Approval for Future Wind Energy Development Project

Grant for Commercial Wind Energy Development

- Includes Turbines, Access Roads, Transmission Facilities, and Support
- Rental Based on Comparative Market Surveys or Appraisals
- Grant for Life of Energy Facility

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Competitive Interest

- Typically Applications Will Be Processed on a First Come Basis
- Used if Two Applicants Have Current Power Purchase Agreements or Interconnect Agreements With Utility Transmission Provider
- Used if LUP Decision Specifically Identified an Area for Competitive Leasing

Environmental Review for Commercial Development

- For Site Development Applications the Scope of the NEPA Analysis Will Be Much Broader to Include Turbines, Roads, and Transmission Facilities
  - Compliance Requirement With:
    - Endangered Species Act
    - Migratory Bird Treaty Act
    - National Historic Preservation Act
    - All Other Appropriate Laws

Results

Over 35 Applications Received by BLM Offices in Nevada, New Mexico, Idaho, California, Wyoming, Oregon

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